MMHCC Newsletter July 2003

The Mouse Repository or How to get free mice

The MMHCC exhibit at the 90th Anniversary Meeting of the American Association of Immunologists generated a lot of interest. Was it the professionally done display, the friendly ladies staffing the booth, or the little hand-written sign, "Free Mice", that made this booth so popular among meeting attendees? Some visitors were disappointed that we were not giving away mouse-shaped computer "mice"; many were surprised to learn about no cost mice, available through the Mouse Models of Human Cancers Consortium (MMHCC) Repository. This NCI-funded and in Frederick, MD located entity provides genetically engineered mouse strains to all members of the scientific community.
Mouse models are provided free of charge through the MMHCC Repository, however, the customer is responsible for shipping charges if the shipment must go by air or special truck. There is no charge for normal truck delivery. Orders for mouse models must be placed online through this website:
http://mouse.ncifcrf.gov

A list of the currently available 53 strains can be found at:
http://mouse.ncifcrf.gov/available_strains.asp

Newly imported strains are displayed at:
http://mouse.ncifcrf.gov/new_strains.asp
Members of the community can register to receive a particular strain as soon as it becomes available.

Meetings

July 10, 2003
Symposium on Mouse Models
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
Rockefeller Research Laboratories Auditorium
(in conjunction with the MMHCC steering committee meeting)

July 11-15, 2003
AACR 94th Annual Meeting Washington, D.C.
New Convention Center
Meeting Information: http://www.aacr.org/

Come and visit the MMHCC Exhibition Booth # 439

See also the poster "Mouse Models of Human Cancers Web-based Resources" (Abstract # 1024) during the poster session on Saturday , 7/12/2003 , 1:00 PM

Funding Opportunities

Draft NIH Statement on Sharing and Distributing Mouse Resources:
Public Comment Period open until August 1, 2003

NOTICE: NOT-OD-03-043

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

The NIH is providing significant support for the development of mice with genetic changes. This resource is being developed to assist the scientific community in furthering its interest in biomedical research. To ensure that these mouse resources are made available to the scientific community in a timely manner, the NIH has developed a draft policy, which can be found at
http://www.nih.gov/science/models/mouse/sharing/index.html
Any modifications to the draft statement will appear at that site after the 60 day public comment period. Institutions, organizations, and individuals are invited to comment on the draft statement and associated documents. Comments must be received no later than August 1, 2003. Please send any comments concerning the NIH Draft
Statement via email to sharemymouse@nih.gov or by mail to
Share-My-Mouse, NSC, 6001 Executive Blvd, Rm 4263, Bethesda, MD 20892.

NIH will consider all comments and make changes to the policy where warranted in both the draft statement and associated documents.

NCRR High End Instrumentation Program
(RFA-RR-03-009)
National Center for Research Resources
http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RR-03-009.html

Novel Technologies for in vivo Imaging (R21/R33)
(PAR-03-124)
National Cancer Institute
National Institute for Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering
http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-03-124.html

Novel Technologies for in vivo Imaging (SBIR/STTR)
(PAR-03-125)
National Cancer Institute
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
National Institute for Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-03-125.html